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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN "MEDIATION" IN SPANISH SAHARA

1. AHAM NOVEMBER 13 CARRIES FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE PREDICTING THAT PRIMIN MAMDUH SALIM WILL BE CARRYING TWO "IMPORTANT MESSAGES" FROM PRESIDENT SADAT TO PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AND KING HASSAN WHEN HE DEPARTS ON MISSION TO FIVE NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO EXPLAIN RESULTS OF SADAT'S TRIP TO FRANCE, US, AND GREAT BRITAIN.

2. ARTICLE STATES THAT TWO MESSAGES CONCERN DISPUTE OVER SPANISH SAHARA AND EFFORTS TO AVERT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA. FINAL PARAGRAPH SAYS THAT "SADAT HAS STATED HE WILL UNDERTAKE BROTHERLY MEDIATION ON SAHARA QUESTION IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN UNITY OF STAND TOWARD THIS ISSUE AND ALSO TO MAINTAIN ELEMENTS OF ARAB SOLIDARITY AND STRENGTH."

3. COMMENT: AHAM ARTICLE, WHICH IS UNSOURCED, IMPLIES
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GOE HAS SWITCHED ITS POLICY FROM CAREFUL AVOIDANCE OF

ENTANGLEMENTIN INTER-ARAB ASPECTS OF SAHARA DISPUTE TO AN ACTIVE
MEDIATION ROLE. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICER DIRECTOR
TELLS US GOE DOES NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO BE "ACTIVE" MEDIATOR.
AS FOR MOROCCAN PRESS REPORT THAT SADAT WOULD PERSONALLY GO
TO MARRAKECH, THIS IS NOTHING BUT "BALONEY."
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